# ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

## Avocado (leaves) (see *Persea americana*)

## Azaleas (see *Rhododendron*)

## ***Cestrum*** species

### *C. diurnum*

Common Names: Day Blooming Jessamine, Chinese Inkberry, Dama de Dia, Galan de Dia

Description: Day blooming jessamine is an evergreen shrub or tall bush with white flowers. Fruit is a black berry.

Toxic Part: Fruit and sap.

Symptoms: Gastroenteritis

### *C. nocturnum*

Common Names: Night Blooming Jessamine, Chinese Inkberry, Dama de Noche, Galan de Noche, Juele de Noche, Lilas de Nuit, Jasmin de Nuit

Description: Night blooming jessamine has flowers which have fragrance at night. Fruit is white.

Toxic Part: Fruit and sap.

Symptoms: Gastroenteritis

## ***Dicentra*** species

### *D. cucullaria*

Common Names: Dutchman's Breeches, Breeches Flower

Description: Native perennial herb with no stem above ground; leaves and flower stalks arising from a granulate bulb below ground; leaves 4-12 inches long, finely dissected; flowers with two basal projections on the white perianth, producing a shape like that of Dutchman's breeches.

Toxic Part: Entire plant

Symptoms: Salivation and dyspnea. Abdominal pain and diarrhea may be noted.

### *D. spectabilis*

Common Names: Bleeding Heart

Description: Delicate, herbaceous, early flowering plants. Flowers are either pink or white.

Toxic Part: Entire plant.

Symptoms: Contact dermatitis.

### Dutchman's Breeches (see *Dicentra cucullaria*)

### English Ivy (see *Hedera* species)

### Devil's Ivy (see *Epipremnum aureum*)

### *Gelsemium sempervirens*

Common Names: Carolina Jessamine, Yellow Jessamine, Carolina Yellow Jessamine, Yellow Jasmine

Description: Woody trailing or climbing evergreen vine with fragrant yellow flowers.

Toxic Part: Entire plant.

Symptoms: Profuse sweating, muscular weakness, convulsions, respiratory depression, and paralysis of the motor nerves.

### Golden Chain (see *Laburnum anagyroides*)

### *Hedera* species

Common Names: Algerian Ivy, Canary Ivy, English Ivy, Ivy, Nadeira Ivy, Yedra

Description: Climbing vines. Berries are black and globular.

Toxic Part: Berry and leaf.

Symptoms: Burning sensation in throat when ingested.

### Holly Berries (see *Ilex* species)

### *Ilex* species

Common Names: English Holly, European Holly, Oregon Holly, American Holly, Deer Berry, Emetic Holly, Indian Black Drink

Description: Evergreen trees with stiff leathery leaves. Berries are usually bright red but may be yellow.

Toxic Part: Berries.

Symptoms: Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

### Ivy (Boston, English, and Others) (see *Hedera* species)

### *Laburnum anagyroides*

Common Names: Golden Chain.

Description: A small tree with leaves on long stems. Has sweetpea-shaped flowers that are golden yellow and formed in big masses. Seeds are contained in long, flattened pods.

Toxic Parts: Seeds and flowers.

Symptoms: Vomiting, diarrhea, drowsiness, weakness, incoordination, sweating, pallor, headache, dilated pupils, and a rapid heartbeat.

### *Magnolia grandiflora*

Common Names: Magnolia

Description: Large tree with white showy flowers.

Toxic Parts: Flowers

Symptoms: Consumption of the flower can cause headache and depression. Leaves may cause contact dermatitis in susceptible individuals.

### *Nerium oleander* Press HERE for picture.

Common Names: Oleander

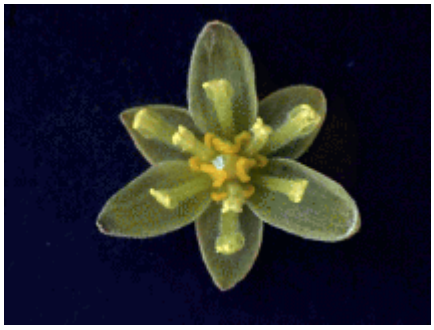
Description: Shrub that grows to 20 feet. Long Narrow leaves up to 10 inches long. Flowers form in small clusters and are red, pink or white. Seeds develop in long narrow capsules which are 3/8 inch in diameter by 5 inches long and are dispersed by the wind.

Toxic Part: Whole plant, including smoke from burning and water in which the flowers have been placed.

Symptoms: Pain in the oral cavity, nausea, vomiting, cramping, and diarrhea.

**Oleander** (see *Nerium oleander*)

### *Persea americana*



Common Names: Avocado, Alligator Pear

Description: Tree with alternate leaves, oblong to oval in shape. Has small white flowers.

Toxic Part: Leaves, bark and seeds.

Symptoms: Ingestion causes diarrhea, and nausea.

### *Rhododendron* species

Common names: Azalea, Rhododendron, Rhodora, Rosa Laurel, Rosebay.

Description: Evergreen, semi-evergreen, or deciduous shrubs with a variety of colored flowers.

Toxic Part: Leaves and honey made from the flower nectar.

Symptoms: Burning in mouth. Later, salivation, emesis, and diarrhea occur; also a prickling sensation in the skin.

**Sweet Pea** (see *Lathyrus* species)

***Taxus*** species

Common Names: Yew, Ground Hemlock

Description: Evergreen trees and shrubs. Seeds are green to black and partially exposed in a fleshy red cup.

Toxic Part: Most of the plant, including the seeds.

Symptoms: Dizziness, dry mouth, and mydriasis develop within one hour; followed by abdominal cramping, salivation and vomiting.

***Wisteria*** species

*W. floribunda*

Common Names: Japanese Wisteria

*W. sinensis*

Common Names: Chinese Wisteria

Description: Twining woody vines. Leaves are large. Flowers are pea-shaped and white, bluish, purplish, red or pink. Fruit is long, thick, flat, knobby legume pod.

Toxic Part: Pods and Seeds

Symptoms: Nausea, repeated vomiting, stomach pains, severe diarrhea, dehydration, and collapse.

**Yew** (see *Taxus* species)